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In re patent application of: Thomas Gilbert, Kenneth D. Bosler and Edward C. Dell

Serial No.: not yet assigned

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS VACUUM FORMING  
SHAPED POLYMERIC ARTICLES

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Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

**Type of Application:**

☒ Utility (non-provisional)



- ☒ Divisional  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

**Incorporation by Reference:**

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, **from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied**, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (37 CFR § 1.63(d))

**Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed (37 CFR § 1.78):**

- ☒ PLEASE ENTER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION UNDER THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS SECTION:

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of **U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s)**. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part ☒ divisional of copending **U.S. Application Serial No(s)**. 09/190,038 filed on November 12, 1998.
- ☐ **International Application No.** \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and which designated the U.S.

**Benefit of Prior Foreign Application(s):**

- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ [COUNTRY].
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following application(s) for which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE

- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has been filed in prior Application Serial No. 0/\_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application Elements Enclosed:**

☒ 17 Pages of Specification

☒ 5 Pages of Claims

☒ 4 Sheet of Drawings

☒ Formal

☐ Informal

☐ Petition to Accept Photographs (*37 CFR § 1.84(b)*).

☒ 1 Page(s) of Abstract of the Disclosure

☐    Page(s) of List of Reference Numerals

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

☐ Associate Power of Attorney

☒ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Form PTO 1449 (PTO/SB/08A, 08B)

☒ Copies of Cited References

☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825*).

☐ Microfiche (Appendix) (*37 CFR § 1.96(c)*).

☒ Return Receipt Postcard (itemized)

**Declaration or Oath and Power of Attorney:**

☐ New (executed original or copy).

☐ New (unexecuted).

☒ Copy from prior application (*37 CFR § 1.63(d)*)

**Deletion of Inventor(s)** (37 CFR § 1.63(d)(2), 1.33(b)):

☐ Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.

**Assignment:**

☒ A copy of the recorded Assignment of the invention in the parent case to: CertainTeed Corporation.

**Small Entity Statements:**

☐ Statement(s) that this is a filing by a small entity under 37 §§ CFR 1.9 and 1.27 attached.

☐ Status as a small entity was claimed in prior U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_. **Status is still proper and desirable.**

☐ A copy of the Official Filing Receipt in prior application is enclosed.

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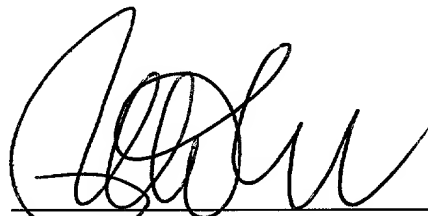
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- ☒ Filing fees (37 CFR § 1.16(a), (f) or (g)).
- ☒ Presentation of extra claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b), (c) and (d)).
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- ☒ 37 CFR §§ 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (Extension fees pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)).
- ☒ Application processing fees (37 CFR § 1.17).
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